

"Mindy, wake up. It is time to eat breakfast.

Then you need to do your chores," said Mom. Mindy said, "OK, Mom."

Mindy smelled breakfast cooking. She could tell what Mom was making. She smelled bacon and eggs. She hoped Mom was making pancakes, too. She liked them with butter and jam.

Mindy put on her clothes. She washed her face and combed her hair. It was still dark outside when she walked to the kitchen. Her family ate breakfast early in the morning. Then they did chores. Mindy milked the cows. She fed the chickens and got the eggs from the hen house. Her brother fed the horses. Dad worked in the fields on a big red tractor. Mom worked in the house. She cleaned and cooked. She also managed the

money made by the farm. It was hard work for the family.

Mindy liked the country. She had a big yard. Dad had built a swing set for her. She played after she finished her chores. Sometimes she got lonely. There were no girls for her to play with. She wished that she lived in the city. There she would have friends. She could go to a movie. She could wear a dress.

Then Pam called on the telephone. Pam was Mindy's cousin. Pam lived in the big city. She lived in an apartment.

Pam asked Mindy to come for a visit. "May I go visit Pam?" said Mindy. "Yes, you may," said Mom.

Mindy was so excited. She could not sleep that night. She wondered what it would be like in the city.

The next morning she hugged Mom and Dad good-bye. "I will see you soon," said Mindy. She rode a bus into the city. It was a fun trip. She sat up tall and looked out the window. Soon the fields turned into houses. Then Mindy saw buildings. As they neared the city, she saw tall buildings.

Pam met Mindy at the bus station. They went to see a movie. Then they got an ice cream cone.

That night Mindy could not sleep. The traffic outside was noisy. She missed Mom and Dad. The next morning she got up early.

Mindy had fun in the city but she was ready to go home. She hugged Mom and Dad. "I had fun," said Mindy. "Thanks for letting me go. I still like the farm more. I like being a farm girl."

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